



WANDERING PETE

Hoffman, Our Perennial Coroner, Quits Every Republican Camp Where the Jobs Do Not Fit His Head

Finally, With Two Years of His Present Official Meal Ticket Unfinished, He Runs For Sheriff

Pete Hoffman, the Perennial Candidate, has bobbed up again.

Tired of the company of one faction of Republicans, he has drifted to another, another to another and then to another.

Every political bulletin has announced Pete's arrival in a new camp, like a blue bottle fly in search of a fresh garbage can.

Pete's ever increasing hat measurement has not grown any less since he sold that big chunk of "wooded farmland" out Desplaines way to the Forest Preserve for a big chunk of money.

By the way, all it needs is more trees to make it shady in some spots.

Restless and ambitious, Perennial Pete has never been satisfied with the fortune that forty years of continuous office holding has brought to him.

Like Oliver Twist he cries for more. Too popular to care for the support of ordinary politicians, he has grown so self-important that he has thrown all factions in the air—one after another.

That is, he has abandoned every faction of the Republican party to its fate after careful examination of its baggage wagons failed to produce a bigger job than the lucrative one he is holding.

Perennial Pete's self exaltation has at last, and temporarily of course, satisfied his overweening self conceit.

He has accepted a nomination for Sheriff.

This acceptance ought to shake the records of the Forest Preserve to its foundations.

SUMMARY OF THE 5-POWER PACT

Draft of Treaty for Limitation of Naval Armaments Given to Conference.

DIVIDED INTO THREE CHAPTERS

United States Permitted to Retain 18 Capital Ships, Britain 22, and Japan 10—Others to Be Scrapped.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The draft of the treaty for limitation of naval armament, submitted to the plenary session of the Washington conference, contains only the following preamble in explanation of the purposes of the five contracting governments (the United States, France, Great Britain, Japan and Italy) in reaching the agreements set forth:

"Desiring to contribute to the maintenance of the general peace, and to reduce the burdens of competition in armament . . . have resolved, with a view to accomplishing these purposes, to conclude a treaty to limit their respective naval armament, and to that end have appointed as their plenipotentiaries."

The names of the delegates of the powers follow.

In Three Chapters.

The treaty is divided into three chapters. Chapter one contains the general language of the agreements, covered in 20 separate articles.

Chapter two contains the detailed specific agreements on naval matters, many of them in complicated tabular form which amplify and complete the meaning of the general agreements of chapter one.

Chapter three is devoted to "miscellaneous provisions" and contains four additional articles of the treaty. Chapter one is headed "General Pro-

visions Relating to the Limitation of Naval Armament."

Article 1 thereunder is merely the agreement to limit naval armament as provided in the treaty.

Article 2 provides that the contracting powers may retain respectively capital ships specified in part 1, chapter 2. The ships thus named in part 1 are as follows:

UNITED STATES—Maryland, California, Tennessee, Idaho, New Mexico, Mississippi, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Nevada, New York, Texas, Arkansas, Wyoming, Florida, Utah, North Dakota, Delaware. Total tonnage, 500,650.

GREAT BRITAIN—Royal Sovereign, Royal Oak, Revenge, Resolution, Ramillies, Malaya, Valiant, Barham, Queen Elizabeth, Warspite, Benbow, Emperor of India, Iron Duke, Marlborough, Hood, Renown, Repulse, Tiger, Thunderer, King George V, Ajax, Centurion. Total tonnage, 580,450.

FRANCE—Bretagne, Lorraine, Provence, Paris, France, Jean Bart, Courbet, Diderot, Voltaire. Total tonnage, 221,170.

ITALY—Andrea Doria, Cato Duilio, Conte di Cavour, Giulio Cesare, Leonardo di Vinci, Dante Alighieri, Roma, Napoli, Vittorio Emanuele, Regina Elena. Total tonnage, 182,800.

JAPAN—Mutsu, Nagato, Hanga, Ise, Yamashiro, Fuso, Kirishima, Haruna, Hiyel, Kongo. Total tonnage, 301,320.

Others to Be Scrapped.

Article 2 then provides that on the coming into force of the treaty all other capital ships "built or building" by the five powers shall be disposed of as prescribed in chapter 2, part 2; the reference is to the extensive "rules for scrapping vessels of war" carried in the part 2 mentioned.

HOFFMAN CALLED A MENACE

Oak Leaves, the leading organ of Chicago's leading suburb, Oak Park, which has 49,000 inhabitants and gives 9,000 Republican majority, spoke for the majority of the Republican voters in its issue of May 29, 1920, when it said: "We desire to call attention of Republican voters to the menace of Peter Hoffman to the Republican ticket."

"The story of Peter Hoffman is one of the amazing stories of politics. He lives in Desplaines, the smallest of six country districts of Cook County. By pure political work he has kept himself in office for fourteen years. He is not endowed by nature with such duties as fall upon the Coroner of Cook County nor has he any training to fit him for the work. But in spite of this the other five districts of Cook County have taken no part in the important duty of selecting a coroner. The district in which Oak Park is located is by far the largest of the country districts. We may say without successful contradiction that it has voters of intelligence averaging higher than any other country district. It is our duty to see that the office of Coroner of Cook County is filled by a man of high character and competent."

"No official has such power in the great city over the unfortunate and those involved in tragedy as has the coroner. There are hundreds of ways to misuse this power for personal advantage. By maintaining a press agency Coroner Hoffman has given the idea to voters that he is an ideal man for the place. But he is not."

"It is difficult for the ordinary voter to know anything about public officials but in most offices the offending incumbent injures people able to fight back. But when the coroner offends he hurts the poor, the outcast, the unfortunate and the weak."

"Ten years ago this journal attacked Mr. Hoffman's method of forming juries for inquests. It was the custom then to have a number of followers to each deputy coroner. These followers sat on the jury and the fees were kept in the family."

When the few real jurors obtained were given their certificates entitling them to fees, the deputy coroner would cash them at a big discount. This was a nasty way to obtain a revenue and defeated the very purpose of the jury system which is to have the case heard by disinterested

citizens and not by professional politicians who heard perhaps a half dozen cases each day.

"Mr. Hoffman, however, hopes that his machine built up during the years he has misused his authority will overcome the opposition. His machine will not succeed."

William J. Healy is making a good record as Sanitary Trustee. He would make a good mayor.

George K. Schmidt will be on the Crowe slate for Board of Review.

The practicability and efficiency of wireless telephone communication between police headquarters in the City Hall and the automobile squads of detectives was demonstrated on Wednesday to Chief of Police Fitzmorris and Chief of Detectives Hughes

with capital, surplus and undivided profits of more than \$12,000,000 and deposits aggregating more than \$125,000,000.

The club is planning to carry out many projects for the betterment of the west side and passed a resolution to try and get every civic and commercial association between Chicago avenue and 26th street, from the river west to the city limits, to use the slogan, "Boost the Great West Town Exposition," which will be held in the 2d Regiment armory, Madison and Rockwell streets, next March.

When the Hearst papers were showing up the Ambulance Chasers' Union in Perennial Coroner Pete Hoffman's office a few years back it was alleged that the reason they let up on him was that he promised never to be a candidate again. But he was.

EAGLETS.

The Democrats showed weakness when they turned down Daniel Ryan for renomination as president of the County Board. The record that this man has made has pleased the taxpayers in whose interest he worked at all times.

The daily magazines were shouting for the abolition of booze awhile back. They won. Now they get moonshine. These days they want the sale of firearms to common people prohibited. Then nobody but thieves and toughs could procure arms.

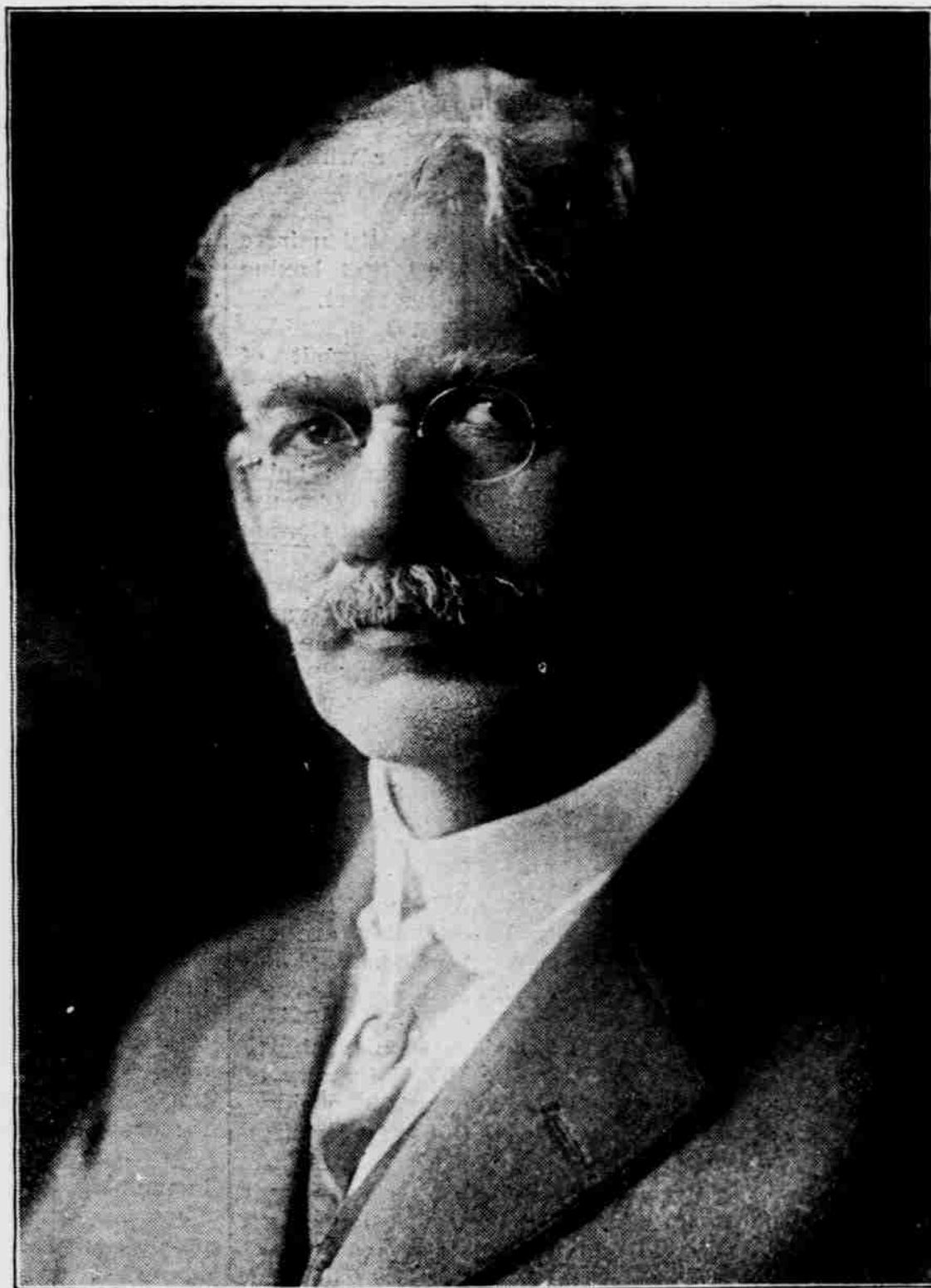
Hoffman is for Hoffman. He regrets any division of opinion over the nomination for sheriff. He wants it himself.

Disarm the people and arm thieves and thugs. That's the latest in Conology.

Our perennial Coroner, Pete Hoffman, has not decided yet as to which office he will choose to fill in honor of the 50th anniversary of his career as a public job holder.

Frank A. Alden, popular and painstaking president of the prosperous Garfield Park State Bank, has been elected president of the West Side Bankers' Club.

The membership of the organization represents thirty-one west side banks.



EDMUND D. HULBERT.
President of the Merchants Loan & Trust Company; of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank and of the Corn Exchange National Bank.

CHRONIC JOBBERS

Nomination of Perennial Pete Hoffman for Sheriff When He Has Another Big Job Causes Comment

Office Holding Class Has Lead Pipe Cinch On Our Politics And Ordinary People Are Kicking

Perennial Pete Hoffman's candidacy for sheriff is arousing a tremendous amount of adverse comment.

People are commencing to wonder how long they are going to stand for an Office Holding Aristocracy.

That is what it amounts to just now and it is getting worse.

It is a fine thing to have the country

governments have come to be so powerful that they exercise a very great influence upon legislative bodies.

"Though a large majority of our people still earn their own livelihood in private pursuits, the minority which derives its sustenance from the public treasury has become large enough, thoroughly as that minority is organized, to frighten city councils, state legislatures, and even congress into complying with their demands."

The orders for new readers, spellers, arithmetics, etc., have gone to the proper parties at last. This is as it should be. Only the Board has not gone far enough.

A list of 400 textbooks, compiled by Peter A. Mortenson, superintendent of schools, was adopted by the board of education. The principals have been authorized to select the free textbooks for the school children. Superintendent Mortenson's list is the first step in the plan which was adopted at the last meeting of the board two weeks ago.

The Board of Education made some additions and changes. Mabel R. Loucks was elected principal of the Linne school, Peter B. Ritzma of the Froebel school, Christine Bednar of the Sherwood school, and Willis E. Tower of the Libby school.

Charles A. Cook was transferred from the principalship of the Linne school to the Belding school, Clyde A. Brown from the Brown school to the Corkery school, William W. Reid from the Froebel to the Brown school, and Augustus R. Dillon from the Mark Sheridan to the McCormick school.

NAVAL AND SUB TREATIES O. K.'D

Shantung Settlement Is Announced; Arms Parley Believed Near Conclusion.

SHANTUNG PLAN IS ADOPTED

Pact Presented by Secretary Hughes Is Approved by the Fifth Plenary Session of the Conference at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The armaments conference wiped clean the naval limitation half of its slate and made considerable headway in clearing up the Far Eastern side at its fifth plenary session.

The clean-up leaves only two matters of importance to be settled before the Far Eastern phase of the conference is completed and the treaties embodying results there ready for submission at a plenary session. It is believed certain these treaties will be in shape by the end of next week, if not much earlier.

The plenary session approved: The naval treaty between the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan.

A second treaty between the same powers abolishing poison gas in warfare and outlawing submarine attacks on merchant vessels.

The settlement of the Shantung issue between China and Japan.

Secretary of State Hughes presented the naval treaty. When it had been read the secretary said that while it was necessary for the powers to ratify it through their constitutional agencies before it could become effective, he thought it well for the conference to express its approval. He called the roll, there was no dissenting voice, and it was approved.

Means Peace, He Says.

"This treaty ends—It absolutely ends—the race in competitive naval armament," said Secretary Hughes. "In it we are taking the greatest for-

ward step in . . . toward the reign of peace. It is perhaps the most important international undertaking ever completed. It is important because it means we no longer talk about limiting armament—we are doing it by this treaty."

"While there have been some changes in the original proposal, I am glad to say that the spirit of the American plan remains unimpaired."

Applause broke out as he sat down after an exhaustive analysis of the treaty, and then the heads of other delegations rose to express their national sentiments on its completion.

M. Albert Sarraut, head of the French delegation, defended France's course in the negotiations, which at several stages held up the conference. Much of the criticism of French acts, he said, was due to German propaganda. "I bring the adhesion of the French delegation to the treaty," he said. "This adhesion is sincere and confident."

Second Treaty Read.

The second treaty on submarines and poison gas was presented by Elihu Root of the American delegation and was immediately adopted.

"You will note," said Mr. Root, "that it does not attempt to codify international law. It merely attempts to state in unmistakable language that the use of submarines against non-combatants, innocent women and children is stigmatized by all the civilized world."

"Cynics have said such agreements could not be enforced, but it must be remembered that behind governments stands the public opinion of the world, and there is nothing more powerful in the world than public opinion."

"This treaty is an attempt to state the clear opinion of the civilized world that never again shall women and children be murdered on the high seas, as on the Lusitania."

Secretary Hughes then reported on the work of the conference on the various resolutions adopted affecting China.

He read first the resolution pledging the removal of foreign post offices, adopted on December 12. There was no objection and it was readopted.

Next he read the resolution respecting the proposed removal of foreign troops from China, after investigation, adopted on January 5, and it was readopted.

The resolution permitting China to raise her tariff duties, adopted January 5, was not presented, it being announced that a special treaty is being formulated to cover this.

The only candidate on the Deneen-Brundage slate who has been definitely decided on is Charles S. Peterson, who will try for the board of review. Harry W. C. Laubenheimer has the best chance of being the candidate for sheriff. He is now first assistant to Sheriff Peters. William R. Parker, clerk of the Criminal court, probably will be slated for county treasurer.

Two women have accepted places on the Crowe primary ticket. They are Mrs. William Severin, president of the Illinois Republican Women's club, and Mrs. David Hill Danek, president of the Woman's Protective Association. Their names will be placed on the Crowe ticket for members of the board of county commissioners.

Here's the latest: Pete Hoffman, about the time the Forest Preserves were being bought, was looking at himself in a mirror in the County Building. It was more than he could stand, evidently, for people passing thought they heard him say: "Pete, you're the smartest man I've ever seen face to face."